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DETECTION OF A SYSTEM FAILURE)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 25, 2003,
applicants elects Group II, claims 13-30, 32-33 and 35-36, without traverse. Accordingly,
please cancel non-elected claims 1-12, 31 and 34, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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